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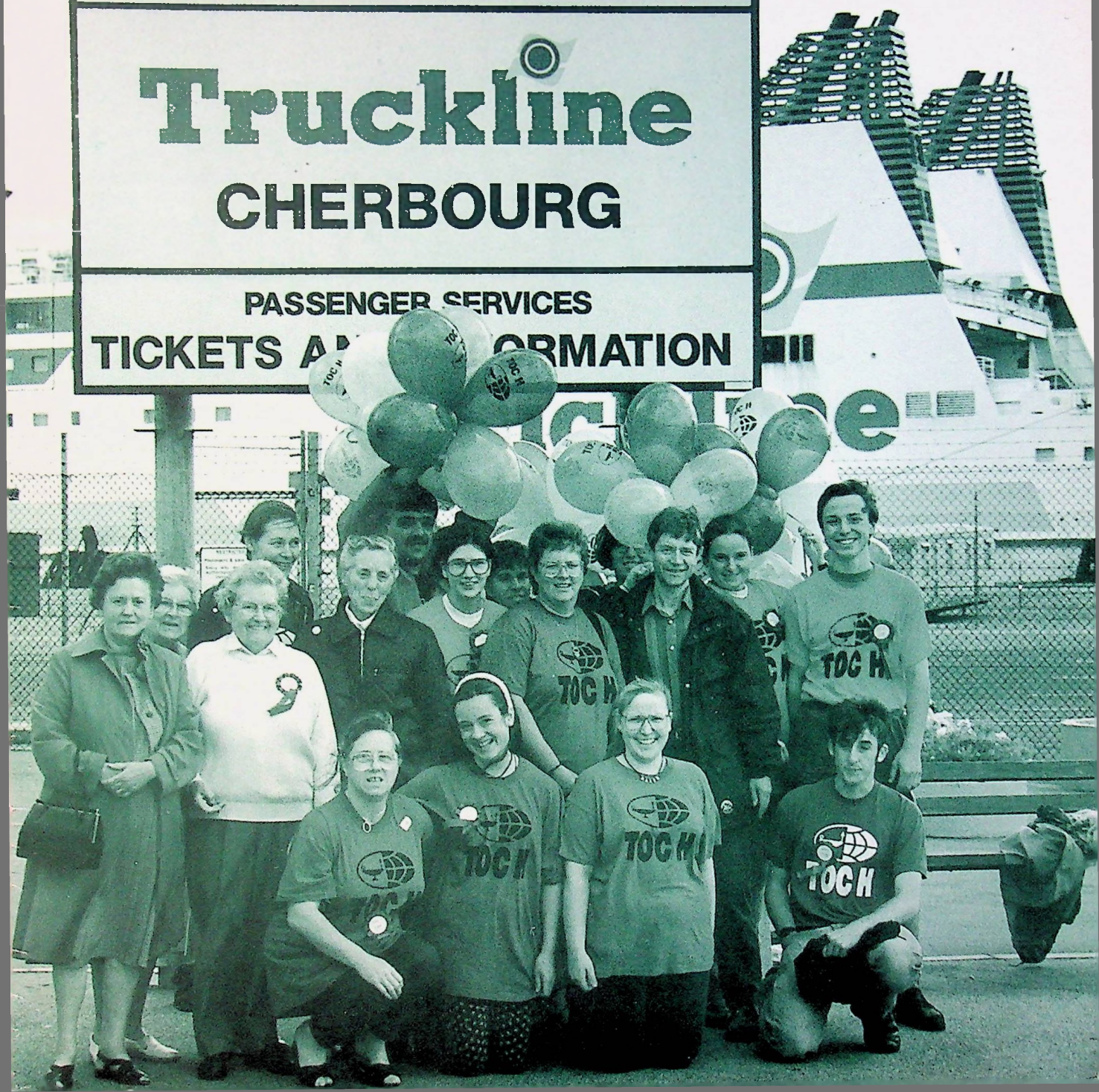
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### The Magazine of Toc H

**Toc H** is a Movement of people who seek to build friendships, and offer service, across the barriers that usually divide us from one another. The basic unit is a group - at best a good cross-section of the local neighbourhood - which meets together regularly, and seeks to serve the community around it.

**Toc H** was founded in 1915 by the Revd PB 'Tubby' Clayton, and since then has been providing opportunities for people to test the Christian way by practical experiment.

All members pledge themselves to try:

*To welcome all in friendship and lessen by habit of thought, word and deed the prejudices which separate people.*

*To give personal service.*

*To find their own convictions while listening with respect to the views of others.*

*To acknowledge the spiritual nature of man and to test the Christian way by trying it.*

This magazine is a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world, as well as a record of Toc H service. Its title derives from the third of these Four Points. Letters, articles and news items are welcomed and should be addressed to The Editor, *Point three*, at the address below.

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## That 'Feel Good' Factor

September started on a most encouraging note. I was down at Poole in Dorset bright and early on Friday 8th, and was joined by local Toc H members as we waited at the Ferry Terminal for the departure of Jim Simpson en route to Cherbourg with Brittany Ferries. It was most heartening to see the familiar sight of the *Birmingham Outward Group* minibus looming into view; the ever-buoyant Sally Simms of *Wellingborough Young Ones* at the wheel. Sally leapt out, wreathed in smiles. It was all going according to plan. Her 11 volunteers, from all over Europe, were also full of energy, despite having spent the previous day doing restoration work at Manor Farm, Corfe Mullen, and some time that very morning working on the gardens of Home Lake House at Parkstone. Following Jim's departure, the support team members were heading for Poole Bay to escort parties of elderly people on a boat trip.

The Mayor and his wife arrived in the official limousine. He spoke movingly about his appreciation of Toc H work in the locality and of Jim's *Ferry Challenge*, in making 16 different crossings to and from Continental Ports in one week. This was despite Mayor Ewart having had to come to terms with a grave personal tragedy that very week. It was very much a case of 'the show must go on' - and he played his part superbly.

Once Jim had boarded the ferry, I 'reported to base' at Wendover, phoning from the terminal. I was elated to be greeted with the news that the *Brixworth Country Park Project*, brainchild of Toc H member and Northants County Councillor, Harry Graham, had just been allocated £736,000 by the National Lottery Millennium Fund! The Project was chosen as one of only seven, from a total of 500 UK applications, and it has grown from an idea to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Toc H. Harry had wanted to mark this achievement with a major new project for Toc H - which aims to make one of Northamptonshire's Country Parks fully accessible to people with disabilities. This will be achieved by working together with Toc H members, project volunteers and disabled people at all stages. Thanks to the Millennium money, the project is now a £1.4 million proposal and the rest of the money will be raised by a project partnership between Northamptonshire County Council, Anglian Water, the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and Toc H.

It seemed highly appropriate to be in the presence of members of *Wellingborough Young Ones* and to see Jim off on his next crossing, when he had just co-led the first Toc H working party on the project. His report has been included in this month's *Point three*. Sally was overjoyed by the news of this most encouraging boost for Toc H, and she is co-leading the second project at the site with CEC member Matthew Plumridge. Let us hope that this 'feel good' factor, which on that Friday veered towards a feeling of euphoria - as the good news was relayed to Jim on board ship - will filter through to the rest of the Movement.

Ruth Boyd



## A Tribute to Tubby Clayton

Tuesday 15 August 1995 was a special day for the world and for Toc H.

The 50th anniversary of VJ Day once again saw Toc H *Share the Peace* vigils taking place all over the country - and, indeed, in other parts of the world. At All Hallows Church I was privileged to lead a 'kaleidoscope of reflections' with contributions from Islamic, Jewish, Baha'i, Christian and Jain traditions. Messages were read from the Prime Minister and from HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Over 60 people from all backgrounds gathered in the Guild Church of Toc H to reflect together on peace and reconciliation - a most fitting commemoration of the end of the War.

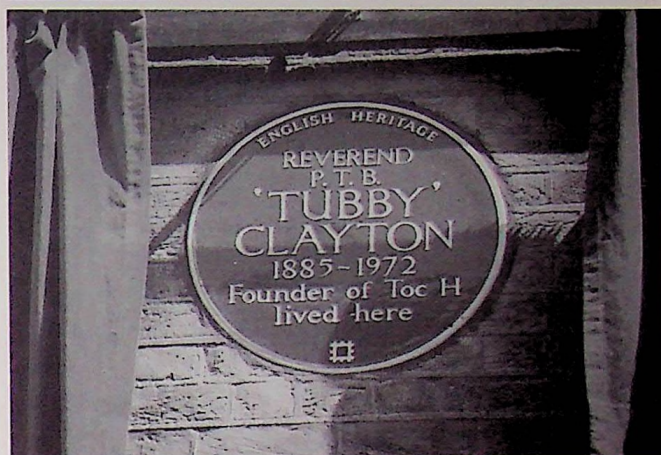
After light refreshments, prepared and served by people from All Hallows Church, we all walked the few hundred yards over Tower Hill to 43 Trinity Square - from 1929 to 1972 the home of Tubby Clayton. We stood together in the middle of traffic, pedestrians, amid the noise and bustle of the street. There, Francis Carnwath, Chairman of the English Heritage Blue Plaques Committee, reminded us that only 12 of these are put up each year, and he then introduced Ken Prideaux-Brune who was to unveil the Plaque. Ken brought Tubby to life again with his touching and amusing stories of the Founder of the Movement, having spent some time as his ADC. To applause, laughter, continuing background noise and the antics of various photographers, the cord was pulled and the Blue Plaque unveiled - a fitting tribute to a great man.

All in all, 15 August 1995 was a very special day, and words can never be adequate in description or in expressing gratitude. For me, the day was a wonderful tribute to the work of the people of Toc H, from the Revd PB 'Tubby' Clayton, CH MC, to every Member today.

The greatest tribute of all seemed to come at the very end, when almost everyone had left. The workman from English Heritage who had installed the plaque commented:

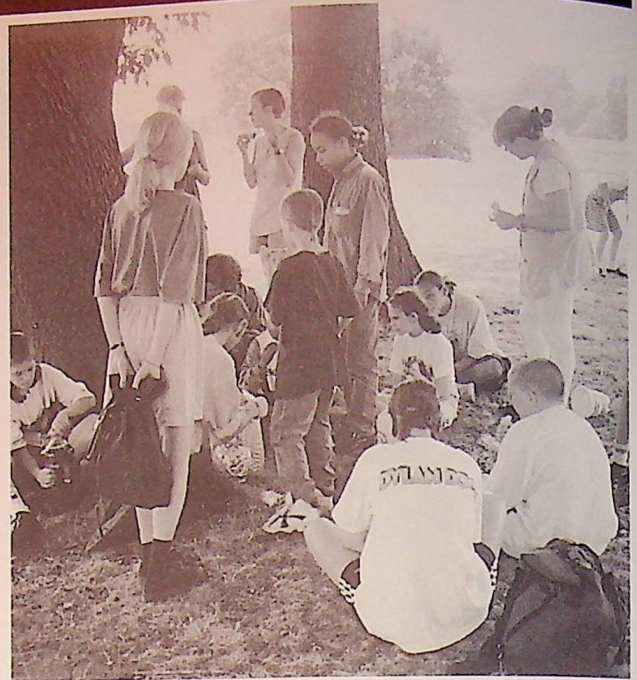
*I've put in dozens of these plaques and learned more from them than I ever did at school. I'll tell you what, out of all those I've ever put up, this bloke deserved it most of all.*

Alan Johnson, National Chaplain





# Gilwell Park Project



**O**n Saturday 29 July, 12 excited children arrived with two 'train marshalls' to begin a week's holiday at Gilwell Park, the international Scout camp site in Chingford, North London. The project had been arranged by the South East Essex project support team, and Chairman Laurie Tuckey was there to welcome the children, together with project leaders Beverley Rankin and Nick Howden.

The participants enjoyed a hectic programme of events which included canoeing, swimming, skating and camping. But, for them, the highlight of the week was undoubtedly their visit to Chessington World of Adventure. There they dragged our luckless team of volunteers onto all the 'stomach churning' rides - everyone succumbed; beyond the call of duty! The trip home was made in total silence as the children had all fallen asleep.

But such successes do not happen by accident. The support team began work on the project almost a year ago with details such as fundraising, organising sites, ensuring safety, etc. There were meetings with the leaders and the Children's Country Holiday Fund (CHFF), as well as local representatives of the Fund. Then there were the finances with the support team applying for grants and other funding from many sources.

It is becoming harder each year to raise the money. However at the end of the day it is worth every penny, just to see how the children have reacted at the end of the week, and also to hear about the satisfaction of the volunteers at the end of the project. It also looks likely that we may have one or two future leaders coming from this project.

A big thank you must go out to all concerned - the leaders and volunteers who gave up precious holiday time, the support team who worked so hard for such a long time, those who helped with the minibuses.... Special thanks to the CCHF for all their support during those anxious months of planning.

**H**alfway through the project's preparation our Regional Project Co-ordinator Christine Jackson went off to live in Australia. Luckily her replacement, Val O'Dwyer, was more than equal to the task and, as volunteers had to drop out for various reasons, they were replaced almost immediately. In the end we had a truly international team, with representatives from Italy, Germany and Belgium to complement the British contingent.

Laurie Tuckey/Chris Stoneham



## Cleveland Girls



A Project in Cleveland, which began with five girls and five female volunteers, has grown into regular weekly meetings of the Toc H Girls Group, with 15 girls and 20 new female volunteers. Of the latter, six have become trained Toc H leaders and another four are planning to attend leadership training events. The Girls Group has become affiliated with Cleveland Education Committee - Youth and Community Service - which gives us access to training equipment and grant aid, and we have also become affiliated to a Cleveland Youth Association Hostel, which enables us to have very cheap accommodation for our projects. We also work with the St Hilda's Partnership, who have given us a room in their new community base. We work closely with the Educational Social Worker, and two girls spend one day a week with us on work experience. St Hilda's Community Council are very supportive of our work and help to fund our Girls Talk projects and outings.

We have found that the girls' main problem is a total lack of self-esteem and self-worth, and our priority is to try to improve their self-confidence and help them to discover their skills and talents. Among our many projects with the girls, the weekend in September for single teenage mothers (aged between 15 and 17) and their children was filmed by the BBC for their *Close Up North* programme.

Marilyn Surtees

## Brixworth Project



I was privileged to lead the first Toc H project at Brixworth Country Park in August, with Anita Scriven. Volunteers came from Italy, France and Spain, as well as the UK. Two of the volunteers had disabilities, which was appropriate in a project designed to give countryside access for the disabled.

We worked on the large pond which Toc H has created - digging foundations for part of the path which will be able to take wheelchairs round the pond, building a bridge across the stream and erecting post and rail fencing, as well as collecting flora and fauna from lakes and streams in another part of the county to accelerate the establishment of an ecosystem in our pond.

Listeners to BBC Radio Northampton heard Toc H talked about in an interview at the project site with Andy Johnson of Countryside Services, one of the volunteers and myself. Everyone had individual personal achievements, doing things for the first time and all finished the week determined to do something else for Toc H.

Special thanks to the officers of Countryside Services for Northamptonshire and the Park Rangers for their brilliant support. Also to the Northants Schools Sailing & Canoeing Assn. for our evening on Pitsford Water, and the Wildlife rust for their talk and slide show. Jim Simpson



# Growing Up in The Modern World



Before becoming Ordained, I spent 12 happy years in the teaching profession - six years at a church school in north London, and six years at an International School in an Islamic culture in the Middle East. By the time I left teaching as a career, I had experienced working with all ages of children and students.

But it was during my time in the senior school at St Christopher's in Bahrain that my responsibilities were widened, from teaching religious education to including a pastoral responsibility for senior pupils. This involved supporting them with their many problems of growing up.. The joint responsibility led to a natural speculation about whether Jesus had to endure those awkward years that can be so difficult for parents and teenagers alike.

I am perfectly convinced that Jesus would have identified with the turbulent emotions typical of teenage years: the struggle to harmonise a natural and increasing longing for independence on the one hand, with a continuing and contradictory need for dependence on the other. It seems likely that Jesus, too, had to battle with the mood swings that teenagers have to endure.

We tend to underestimate the enormous problems facing teenagers growing up in today's difficult world. They need our support and our love. I always told my 5th formers that rebellious feelings were part of growing up; that, indeed, it is necessary as well as emotionally healthy to test out ideas and opinions in order to come to an understanding of what one really does think and believe. This period of development enables one to establish oneself as a person, distinct from the rest of the family. But it is sad when rebellion manifests itself in the form of hurting or causing real pain to someone else. Where there is love, honesty and trust, there is a chance that problems can be discussed and, sometimes, solved.

I think I am right in saying that parents sometimes forget that children are *people*, with deep feelings of their own. Equally, children and teenagers need to appreciate that their parents have such feelings too. Jesus was very clear in his teaching about children and teenagers. He obviously loved them very much (Mark 9:36-37). He said that they had a quality which adults also needed to possess if they wanted to become citizens of the Kingdom of God - although he did not say specifically what this quality might be. He may have meant that children are usually eager and trustful. Perhaps he was talking about an openness; a ready willingness to learn, that is easy to lose when one becomes an adult. Food for thought!

**Ian Thurston**

*Parochus of All Hallows by The Tower, London*

## The Davenant Centre Celebrates 1st Birthday on 7 October

*John Burgess reports:*

Toc H moved from Newark Street to the Davenant Centre in Whitechapel at the end of September 1994. On Saturday 7 October 130 guests will attend a lunch at the centre to celebrate our 80th birthday and the first anniversary of Toc H working from there. The Revd Alan Johnson will then introduce guest speaker, the Bishop of Stepney. The listed building is owned and managed by a

consortium of organisations who provide education and recreational youth facilities, vocational training opportunities, language support, space for community meetings, a cultural and arts venue and a nursery.

Toc H has been given a real welcome by the user groups and is involved with the day to day running of the centre. The former *Newark Street Group* con-

tinues to meet here on the last Tuesday of every month, the SE Regional Projects Committee meet monthly, the London District Branches and District Branch members meet every four to six weeks, and the Regional Executive Team meet regularly. The Friends of Khasdobir Group also make full use of the Centre and organise fundraising lunches, coordinate *National Khasdobir Day* and produce a quarterly newsletter, giving an update of the project.



# Toc H Celebrations in Australia



1995 celebrations of Toc H Victoria included a *Share the Peace Service* on Sunday 6 August and a 70th anniversary lunch for 70 guests at the Toc H Children's Holiday Camp at Port Lonsdale. The service was at St Peter's Church, where Toc H had built a chapel in memory of Adolphus Henry Tulhurst V1th Light Horse AIF. Over 110 people attended including David Hall, representing Toc H Australia. This was followed by a lavish 70th anniversary lunch at Port Lonsdale, 14Km away, with the Geelong Ladies Pipe Band providing the music. The highlight of the celebration was the planting of a tree dedicated to the memory of His Excellency Sir Edmund Herring, Lt Governor of Victoria & President of Toc H in Australia. As Commissioner of Toc H, he had been responsible for obtaining the camp site in 1946. Then there was the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Toc H Victoria, by the side of St Paul's Cathedral pavement in the heart of Melbourne City by the Hon Richard E McGarvie AC, Governor of Victoria on 8 August. The ceremony was attended by Toc H members and friends as well as Federal and State Parliamentarians and followed by refreshments at the Melbourne City Council Town Hall.

On 6 September one of the leading Australian supermarket chains, Coles Myer, presented \$1000 worth of Vouchers to Toc H Victoria in recognition of its community service since 1925. The presentation was made by the manager (Geelong area), Mr Don Thompson, to me at the Port Lonsdale Camp and was followed by refreshments for all present. Mr Thompson planted a tree to mark the occasion and was presented with the Anniversary Banner by John Brownbill. The final news is that on 14 September the very first Toc H Lunch Club was held in the City, with a good attendance. The speaker was Revd Anna Killigrew, Chaplain and Churchill Fellow. **Herbert Eliyathamby, Area Commissioner**



# A Sense of Belonging



Ever since my teens, an emerging awareness has led me to ask questions about the world around me. I have always come up against people who explain things about the life that we know, using only words. At my first political meeting I came across a group talking about socialism and, when I asked what it was, I got the usual dogma about nationalising monopolies and the proletariat over-throwing the imperialistic bourgeoisie. My encounter with the main stream church left me feeling equally cold. It seemed that what these two different approaches had in common was that they both dealt in a currency of language that was (and still is) totally alien. It relies on concepts about the world and human experience that have no connection to what ordinary people's lives are about. Life, for most people most of the time, is about engaging with the world through the things that they are doing and making on their own, or with other people, in an effort to make ends meet. It is through these experiences that people find out something about themselves and how they fit into the world around them (or don't - whichever the case may be!).

In an effort to try and 'change the world', I started doing the same as those I had criticised. At school I formed a discussion group, but I found that it became populated with those people who could easily talk about conceptual things.

It wasn't reaching the class mates whom I had grown up with in the 'middle-streams', who just seemed interested in being teenagers and experiencing life. It took me many years to realise that trying to change things through discussion, or issues and campaigns, doesn't touch most people or interest them in becoming involved. People become involved through experiences that touch them personally.

It was my own experiences that have led me to where I am now - years on the dole, living in an inner city tower block and trying to bring up three children on benefits, doing occasional work and self-employment as a painter and decorator. Life for me has been about struggling to make ends meet and finding out where I fitted in. However, during all that time I was lost because I was so involved in just *doing* it. I was trapped in the mundaneness of life, with no way of reflecting on the value of what I was doing, so I wanted to escape from this and find something 'out there' with more *meaning*. I fell into the trap of seeing ordinary life as drab and the *real* value in life as existing on a so-called 'higher' plain.

I continued to have a stab at politics and occasionally went to church. However, neither of them had anything to say to me because they didn't begin with *my* life, they began with either socialism or Jesus. Always something other than who





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# The financial position of TOC H

1 September 1995

*Dear members of Toc H, and Friends -*

I have pleasure in presenting my report and an abridged extract of the financial statements of Toc H for the year ended 31st March 1995. As before this letter contains a preview of next year's budgeting, and a brief statement of what is being done about meeting our deficits. A copy of the full accounts may be obtained from headquarters.

## *Financial Review*

These 1994 - 1995 Accounts reflect the full current policy of TOC H as set by Central Council. The Central Executive Committee implements and manages the policy and ensures that Councillors are aware of developments.

The rising deficits of recent years have now passed £1 million for the second consecutive time and clearly cannot continue at that level if we are to preserve the long term future of TOC H. Measures are in hand to slow down and eventually halt the run of deficit budgeting.

Councillors know and accept that our current policy will result in continuous serious but declining deficits that have to be funded by heavy withdrawals from our accumulated funds, which in turn reduces our income expectation from their investment. The positive side of the policy is expected to be increasing membership, membership activity, as well as an improvement in public awareness and recognition of the Movement; but these are slow to provide tangible results. However it is the firm view of the Officers and Central Executive Committee that this is the right way to use our resources and that the deficits which are affordable in the short term represent a conscious "investment" to ensure a revived TOC H.

Projections of our financial state in the years ahead have been provided to the CEC which has authorised action to identify and implement plans to reduce and control future deficits. Emphasis remains on using our existing resources more efficiently to achieve our revival.

Income for the year, before taking into account the overall market decrease in investment values, was £1,056,575 compared to £851,574 last year. Whilst £239,839 of Legacy income accords with the fund raising plan, we are grateful for it and admit to good fortune related to past legacy appeals, whilst being saddened by the loss of some good members. The better figures from Donations and Grants is due to good staff effort, and we appreciate the continuing support of members through Family Purse and subscriptions.

Expenditure at £2,082,015, was 10.6% above last year's £1,882,958. Staff costs only rose by 2.9%; the main significant increases are a net £60k in Publicity Development and publications, £38k on Branch work, and £27k from the losses on currency exchange relating to transactions with Germany. Allowing for these items other costs increased by £44k (7.2%), and were in accordance with budget monitoring. Of this total expenditure 70% was spent on our charitable objectives.

The resulting deficit of £1,116,855 reduces the "Development Fund" by just under 18%.

## *Review of Developments*

This year a lot of hard innovative work has been undertaken to increase the public awareness of TOC H, partly with the help of the 80th Birthday events, and this endeavour is being further pressed forward.

The CEC's concern over continuing deficits has resulted in it taking urgent action by establishing a special Task Force which is determined to reduce and eventually eliminate the deficits, whilst still seeking major growth of our membership and its activity. We have established expectations for the contribution our staff make and now assess these against our Criteria for Growth by regular review and monitoring.

The fuller picture of the national activities of TOC H is maintained by the now permanent inclusion of the majority of Branch accounts; this development owes thanks to the Regional, District and Branch Treasurers and Officers.

Gerry Conibeer, Honorary Treasurer



## *Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities*

*The legal trustees of Toc H are the Central Councillors for the time being, both elected and ex officio.*  
Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the Surplus or Deficit of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

*The Auditors' Report on the full financial statements is as follows:*

## *Auditors' Report to The Central Council of Toc H*

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 19 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified by the revaluation of investments, and the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 10.

### *Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors*

As described above, the Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

### *Basis of Opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. However, the evidence available to us was limited for reasons explained in Note 1, which states that income from voluntary donations cannot be fully controlled prior to being entered in the accounting records, and there were no practicable audit procedures that we could adopt to confirm the completeness of such donations.

In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

### *Qualified Opinion arising from limitation of audit scope*

Except for any adjustments that might have been found necessary had we been able to obtain sufficient evidence concerning voluntary donations, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Toc H at 31st March 1995 and of its Income and Expenditure for the year then ended.

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17th August 1995

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# The 1995 Accounts

## The key figures -

	1993/94	1994/95
Our Development Fund balance brought forward, was	6,902,955	6,337,430

### Our income came from :

#### Efforts of current membership and supporters :

Membership contributions	86,414	99,161
Donations Received	178,181	213,197
Grants Receivable	147,729	188,366
Rent and Accommodation Receipts	161,798	130,698
sub total	574,122	632,401

#### Efforts of past membership and supporters :

Legacies Received	33,375	239,839
Investment Income	244,077	184,336
Profit on Disposal of Investments	272,261	94,184
Profit on Realisation of Properties	82,986	11,960
sub total	632,699	530,308

Net Income	1,206,821	1,162,709
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### The "Development Fund" consists of:

Property, Vehicles, and Equipment	1,497,435	1,510,537
Investments, and net current assets	4,839,995	3,710,038

### We spent on :

Publicity and Fund raising work	153,146	132,331
P.R. development fees	3,936	22,000
Training staff and members	22,390	18,166
Development and Community service	1,138,188	1,217,408
Development in Germany	22,503	16,624
Branch development work	119,614	167,687
Membership service and Organisation	423,180	618,810
Total spending	1,882,958	2,082,016

### Our investment in Toc H work

(net deficit) was :	(676,137)	(919,306)
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### But, offset by some financial adjustments :

(Decrease)/Increase in Market Value of Investments	179,556	(348,683)
Permanent diminution in Properties value	(38,338)	-
Exchange Gain/(Loss) adjustment	(30,606)	70,608
Branch Surpluses not previously notified	-	78,428

the (gross deficit) was :	(565,525)	(1,116,855)
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### Our Development Fund balance carried forward, is

	6,337,430	5,220,676
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This is our Capital base which has reduced by 18% over the year.

These figures are extracted from the actual Accounts. A full copy of the consolidated Financial Statements of Toc H for the year ended 31st March 1995 may be obtained on request from Headquarters.

## Looking ahead -

This year a "Pre-View" of next year's Budget is not fully possible because we are in the midst of the Task Force review. The following does not take into account any further savings / gains that should arise from further action.

What we can present is the outcome based on our current situation which takes account of the decisions in the course of implementation and an estimate of the effect of current investigations into our level of expenditure.

Therefore, I have prepared these forecast statements in three parts, progressively to show what is happening, and what is expected to happen :

### FORECAST " ONE "

The current 1995 / 96 Budget is already showing savings due to a combination of the results of TASK FORCE action and other situations, such as people leaving and not being replaced.

The possible costs and income for the next budget year will be affected by these changes plus some other costs and income that will not recur next year. In addition, I include an estimate of possible action that is being assessed for decision, but which cannot be detailed before it is settled and implemented.

Therefore the following table shows the adjustment to the current 1995/96 budget to establish its basis in creating a forecast for the coming 1996 / 97 year.

### FORECAST " ONE "

	1995/96 Budget EXPENSES	
	Original	Adjusted
Director and Chaplaincy	177,598	128,874
PR&A Dev't, Publicity, Fraising	179,319	172,319
HQ Dev, Training, Method admi	265,902	151,676
Dev't and Div'l Teams	475,244	475,244
Projects and Circles	111,666	107,424
Membership	23,655	23,655
Centres	148,595	16,873
H Q Admin and Finance	556,912	501,578
TOTAL "U K"	1,938,891	1,577,643

NOTE : This is not a re-statement of this year's Budget or Deficit, as redundancy and closure costs have to be allowed for; it is only the basis for next year.

	1995/96 Budget INCOME	
	Original	Adjusted
Membership	84,876	84,876
F R and Donations	123,100	123,100
Legacies	200,000	200,000
Grants	209,077	209,077
Point 3 / Publicity / Printing	35,200	35,200
Rents and Centres	79,518	30,268
Investments	153,000	153,000
TOTAL "U K"	884,771	835,521

P.T.O. for the "PreView" of next year's Budget before further savings :

POTENTIAL DEFICIT	(1,054,120)	(742,122)
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## FORECAST " TWO "

The "Pre-View" Budget for 1 Apr.96 to 31 Mar.97 is :

EXPENSES		INCOME	
	Budget 96/7		Budget 96/7
Director and Chaplaincy	132,818	Membership	91,069
PR&A Dev't, Publicity, Fraising	180,370	F R and Donations	164,322
HQ Dev, Training, Method admin.	127,571	Legacies	200,000
Dev't and Div'l Teams	469,524	Grants	219,531
Projects and Circles	114,287	Point 3/Publicity/Printing	36,250
Membership	24,278	Rents and Centres	32,869
Centres	26,765	Investments	114,750
H Q Admin and Finance	449,102		
TOTAL "U K"	1,524,715	TOTAL "U K"	858,791
		POTENTIAL DEFICIT	(665,924)

## FORECAST " THREE "

The wider consideration of the overall Toc H "Development Fund" has to take account of necessary Capital spending and a short term deficit on the expected revised Germany operations, set off against whatever realisation of assets are achievable.

So, "rounding up" for these uncertain factors :

The resulting total Deficit to be funded is expected to be

(680,000)

Our "Development Fund" capital expected to be brought forward from 1st April 1996, after some allowance for a Germany deficit in the current year, and other extra-ordinary costs, will possibly be :

3,966,000

Therefore, at 31st March 1997, the forecast is that we will still have a minimum of :

Total Capital remaining =

3,286,000

As in every year, there will be careful budgeting for agreement at the February CEC, which may vary from this annual preview for Central Council.

There will be more changes arising from the general determination to get Toc H on to a sustainable footing. Our target has to be a further substantial reduction of the deficit, but some of the actions, particularly sound plans for the generation of new income will be longer term, and cannot be expected to effect next year's budget very much.

We will report in due course on the longer term plan and forecasts over two or three years which will aim to achieve our goal of "break even".

Thank you,

Gerry Conibeer



*I was or what my experiences were. It was never in the here and now, but 'out' or 'over there' somewhere. Neither of them have any way of connecting with ordinary people's lives in a down to earth way. They don't affirm and value what people are doing, making and creating and trying to enable them to develop practical resources to enhance their lives.*

### A Spiritual Vacuum

It feels as if the church has left people in a 'spiritual vacuum'. If people are looking for something, they have to join this club with strange language, codes of behaviour and bizarre rituals. The alternatives are equally as gloomy, because you have to affiliate to a certain view of the world and subscribe to spiritualities that have nothing to do with who you are, or what you are doing. They point somewhere else, to an inner or outer force that can show you who you 'really' are, or what you 'really' should do.

I met up with Michael Keen again in 1990, having worked with him in Telford many years before. We had made some terrible mistakes, but out of those mistakes interesting things had happened. We found that our experiences were leading us to similar conclusions. Through working very much within the church, with those on the margins, Michael has seen how far adrift the church seems, whereas I have been on the outside seeing it float away. However, the sharing of our experiences and desires to find out where we fit in, has created what we call *Belong* - really a name to express some experiences and ideas rather than any attempt to set up a movement.

We launched *Belong* in 1991 and began the task of finding a parish to work with. Back then *Belong* had a much grander aim. It was going to be a local non-residential community. It now has me working part-time developing the local project called *North Lambeth Belong*. Michael is working developing *Belong* ideas with St Mungo's. *Belong* has largely been ignored and misunderstood by the church. This is because we are trying to change the currency from that of a language of concepts to that of spiritualities and stories that grow out of ordinary people's experiences of doing and making things. It's like asking the dinosaur to roll over so we can tickle its tummy!

### Developing Practical Skills and Resources

We have had some success though, on the scale of a small furry mammal scuttling around, working with those inside and outside of the church. Our main work involves enabling people to develop practical skills and resources - by and for themselves - through using networks of people offering training in practical skills, and people willing to find and donate equipment and resources.

We have developed a range of material for people to use to reflect upon their activities, which enables them to experience something of the spirituality of what they have been doing and making. This 'experiencing of spirituality' has been with so-called secular groups, where we use both practical activities created on the day and people's actual practical experiences. These personal experiences are expressed in a 'safe' way, through the collages that are put together to tell the stories of our practical activities.

Practical activity is used as a central theme in our *Belong* workshops with those in the church. To enable people to make connections between their faith and the things they are doing and making, we have developed something we call the *DIY Theology Kit*. This is a collection of photos of modern day life, and people at work or doing things, and enlarged photocopied text from the Bible (papers/magazines/record sleeves/fanzines for our secular workshops). These are used, alongside actual photos of the participants doing things, to create collages in order to tell the stories of these practical experiences. Finally, we have the 'prayer-boards' (called 'mirror-boards' in our secular workshops) - to which people attach prayers, usually with pictures. This enables people to 'voice' things that they either may not have the confidence to say out loud, or feel it is too personal to otherwise express.

Robert Jones  
Development Worker, *Belong*

For more details ring Rob on 0181-244 8192, or Mike on 0171-274 2206.

Or, write to: *Belong*, The Parish Centre,  
St Anselm's Vicarage, Kennington Road,  
London SE11 5DU



## Readers' Letters

### Genetic Engineering of Farm Animals

I do not believe that John Mitchell and I are so far apart in our views on the genetic engineering of farm animals, but I wonder if he has truly realised the enormity of what is happening, whether or not one defines it as 'playing God'.

Genetic engineering is not a precise science; forget the image of learned, white-coated people making considered and controlled interventions to produce a desired, calculated result. It is a hit and miss affair which involves the suffering and sacrifice of enormous numbers of 'donor' animals for unpredictable results. To name but a few, so far: in pigs incorporation of growth hormones transgenes (that is genes either from a different species, or from the same species in altered sequence) has resulted in gastric ulcers, liver and kidney damage, bone and joint problems, loss of co-ordination, sensitivity to pneumonia, damaged vision and diabetes-like conditions. In sheep and cattle similar problems have been observed. Again, in pigs transfer of a rodent gene (!) controlling milk production has resulted in abnormal development of the pigs' mammary glands - I could go on....

We know the identity and function of 1-2% only of the 50,000-100,000 genes of farm animals but this has not stopped the 'bioscience' (sic) companies producing these wretched creatures, as, in a highly competitive industry where market forces are unrestrained, they chase the goal of increased profits. The production of transgenic animals to enhance commercial value or to gain a commercially valuable substance opens a new era in animal exploitation, and thus far it is being pursued with little or no public debate. Increased profits on a mega scale will be made by creating animals habituated to factory farming conditions, so as night follows day this is the direction it will take UNLESS the public and consumer pressure dictate otherwise. However, in order to make informed decisions we must be aware of what is being perpetrated behind those closed doors.

Rosemary Marshall

Bucks Area Contact, Compassion in World Farming

### Biblical Law

Re-reading some of the old books about the beginning of *Toc H*, I have been thinking that the situation as it was just after WWI still in fact holds good. To a great degree, new laws and programmes of health and welfare have alleviated the lot of humanity, but no law or government anywhere in the world can, or will, work without the wholehearted support of the people. Here in Africa, we still find that its very much *every man for himself*. Governments come and go, new laws are promulgated, but unless some kind of real social work is done by ordinary people like us, no law will work. Reading my Bible, the chapters of Exodus 20-23 give the working laws of the People of God - they didn't always follow them, but for some 3,000 years these rules of life have worked.

How many countries of the world have in the past century abrogated God's Law, and how many of them are now battling with far higher crime rates than ever before in history? The Biblical laws may sound harsh to modern ears, but they work even today. Murder, rape, incest, child molestation are the real sins of our modern world, and I use the word *sin* advisedly. Lawyers and churchmen, the police forces of the world, see the results of these crimes against humanity, but some people say the criminals are more sinned against than sinning, because of their family backgrounds; yet I've seen how, regardless of childhood deprivation, men and women have changed their environment, brought beauty out of filth, made totally new lives for their society and alleviated misery just by obeying God's Laws. This goes not only for Christians, but for men and women of all religious faiths who not only labour, but pray to a Creator God whose name is unspoken, so sacred is it.

In *Toc H* we have both the Holy Bible and the Four Points of the Compass to show us the *right path* to take. We've seen how ordinary men and women of many races have changed the lives of thousands in this country alone, just by obeying 'The Law', and we can still do it under God's guidance and with faith in His promise - *Lo, I am with you all days to the end of the world*.

Eunice Hixson

Pilot, *Toc H* South Africa



## Stopping the Decline of Toc H

I found the July issue of *Point three* to be most interesting and informative, with two of the articles having particular relevance to a project in which my District was involved. I shall be sending a copy of *Not for our Comfort* to Irena Grishkin from Novosibirsk. Irena was one of the three ladies who recently visited the UK to observe Toc H in action.

I am sure that most, if not all, authors whose articles are published in *Point three* wish for some reaction from the reader. The article, *Establishing Good Practice in Toc H*, caused me to react somewhat unfavourably. I have long been aware that Toc H is being regarded by HQ as a business, which it certainly is not. I can understand that paid members of staff can accept business procedures and jargon being applicable to themselves but, please, do not try to apply the same procedure to members.

Before retirement I was subjected to Quality Control Courses, thus ensuring that the Company complied with BS1234. I do not recall having any training to induce or improve my *Inspiration, Flair, Keeness or Compassion*. I suspect that, when prospective members come into contact with Toc H, they do not realise they will have the opportunity to exercise all of the above attributes; they will not have any training but, hopefully, they will learn by example.

I am sure that I am not *thinking fairly* and I have no doubt that Barry did not intend to propose that members should be treated as 'Human Resources'. If Barry has experience of being involved in a branch, he will know that the Chairman or Secretary does not consult the branch copy of *Good Practice Guide* before embarking on an activity. He will know, however, that each branch needs one or two members with sufficient *flair, keenness and personality* to lead members into activities by example. The slightest whiff of manipulation or unsympathetic persuasion will bring an unwanted reaction from the rest of the members.

Despite having said all the above unkind things, I applaud Barry for at least suggesting doing something to stop the decline of Toc H. It seems to

me that most of the suggestions for stopping the decline of the Movement are desperation measures. We all know that we need to increase membership, but no one knows how to do this. I shall be applying for a *Good Practice Guide*.

Donald Norcross  
Gloucester

## Thanks to Staff at Port Penrhyn

It would be right to record the gratitude and praise of many members and of a wide range of non-members, for the unstinting service, much beyond the call of duty, of those who have worked, often without others being aware, to keep Port Penrhyn going over its many years of valuable work.

In particular, in recent years, Edna and George Cowley, lifetime members who have been tireless in the daily round of looking after the centre and always cheerful in their welcome to countless parties. Toc H should appreciate also the work of Harold Williams, long time member of Criccieth Branch who, as Management Chairman, has steered the centre with great skill, leaving it in tip-top condition and financially sound.

Toc H has a tradition of using outdoor pursuits, and the residential experience to help personal development of people of all ages. It still does this in other places and long may it continue - sadly, however, without Port Penrhyn.

Birmingham Outward Group  
Moseley

## Thank You from a POW

Many thanks for your very generous comments in your last editorial which, I think, said it all on behalf of the many thousands of POWs like me.

It is difficult to avoid 'flashbacks' to the icy conditions at the surface mines, when one's feet had no feeling for months - to the nights when rats would deposit their millions of fleas, so that one's body would be covered with bites from head to foot.

Now I get into my nice warm bed and contemplate all of God's blessings on me - my wife, daughter, grandchildren and 'greats' - and there is no doubt that every day for the last 50 years has been a bonus.

Reg Normandale, Wellingborough



# Branch News

## Welcome to 14 new members in October

John Lambert, Reeta Lambert	Barrow on Humber
Mrs E Davis, Louis Davis	Bognor Regis
Mrs M Robertson	Bournemouth & Christchurch
	Cambridge
Mr R Sampson	Central Branch
Anne Cooper, Mrs C M Vaughan	EC & Tower Hill
Regan Von Schweitzer	Glasgow Project Support Group
Lily Mison	Stockport
George McKelvie, James Sutherland	Somerset District
Noreen Douglas	
Mabel Eldridge	



Leigh Branch funded an activity holiday from 7-11 August at Low Mill, Askrigg, Leyburn, N.Yorks. Leaders were Linda More, Ibrahim Kala and Colin Smith. The activity instructors had endless patience and the week was a great success!



Congratulations to Charlie Trewin of Honiton who was 100 years old on 15 August. Dennis Till, SW Regional Secretary, sent in this photo, which shows Charlie wearing his medals, flanked by Honiton Branch Secretary Jessie Moore and Treasurer Doris Greenslade.



Co-leader David Fowler reports that a recent CAMEO week-end at Colsterdale, Lest we Forget, focused on people's feelings about the Second World War, and brought together people with widely different life experiences - with an age range from 17-83. Discussions included 'why we choose to celebrate'.



Former members of Broadwater Branch (now Regional Branch members) held several fundraising events, culminating in a garden coffee morning, in order to celebrate the 80th birthday. Goring Branch, and Members from Bognor, Brighton and Worthing, joined a host of friends for this happy birthday party which raised £170 for Toc H funds.



Helen Stone, receptionist at HQ, seen approaching the finishing line of the Wycombe Half Marathon in July. Helen finished the run in 2hrs22mins and raised £192.70 for the Friends of Khasdobir.

Tom Elliott is Membership Support Officer for Division 1. We apologise for adding to the frustration that Tom regularly endures, by describing him as a DO in the last issue! See pic. Tom can be seen (second from right) in pic. below.



Marjory Christie reports that, after a delay of many years, a small group from the east of Scotland finally made it to Talbot House in July. Stalwart Toc H members Sheila Forsyth, Ethel Clark, Mabel Robertson & Kathleen Kench from Coupar Angus Branch and Jessie Wheelan from Levenmouth Branch joined Barry Englefield and Tom Elliott, for a memorable stay.



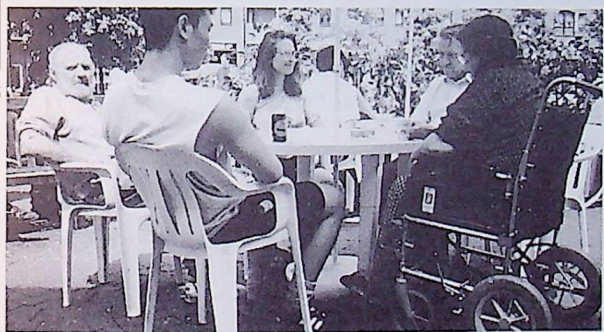
Downend Womens Branch display of blue, white and yellow flowers, Toc H Lamp & Roll of Elder Brethren, was an impressive contribution to their church's VE & VJ Day celebration.





Friday 14 July was a special day for Toc H member Ron Williams, his son Stephen and his Vauxhall Dealer Tim Hanlon, when they were presented to HM The Queen at the annual Motability Road Show at Crowthorne in Berkshire. Ron raised £1,589 towards Motability's objective of creating a £500,000 fund to assist needy, disabled drivers. He was third top collector nationally and talked to Her Majesty for several minutes about how he had raised his funds.

Desmond Bonner, secretary of Buckingham Branch and loyal Point three contributor, says that twice-weekly book-sales since January now approach £2,000, despite the theft of a Toc H money tin from the stall outside the old Post Office on 15 August, while a VJ Day service was taking place in the Toc H room. The Branch have also been helping to supply Bibles for a small Methodist Church in Gambia.



Dot Poole (centre photo) is seen with volunteer Kuichi Ota from Japan and some of the residents of Simon House, a centre for the homeless in Oxford. Dot has written a moving report about the week-long project at the Cyrenians hostel, which houses 64 homeless people. She found the hard physical work very satisfying and, 'most rewarding of all for us were the connections we made with the people we were among: the wild, the wacky, the storytellers and travellers, the glum and giggly'.

Loddon Vale District would like to acknowledge the example of Binfield Branch, who this year have contributed £100 to Family Purse, £30 to Friends of Khasdobir and £10 to District Expenses. Locally they give a tea party twice a year to 40 OAPs, and at Christmas give to the lonely and bereaved. They also raise between £150-£200 from a Charity Stall at the local market. At this year's VE Festival their stall raised £194. There are just four lady members!



Hostess Madeline Figures (Jobbie) is seen handing round the after-lunch sweets at the Khasdobir Fundraising Lunch held in her lovely garden in August. Kings Norton & Northfield (W) Branch raised £240 for the Sylhet project. 18 attended, including members from Solihull (W) Branch and friends.

Kate Moss reports that Barton and District Toc H Action Group (BADTAG) have been working on Community projects in South Humberside since the formation of the Group by Bill Bains in 1989. Bill set the challenge, of running a week-long playscheme, to Baysgarth Comprehensive School sixth form earlier this year. The money was raised by Barton on Humber Toc H Branch. From the original volunteers, three still remain and the group has about seven regulars and several others who join in when they are not at university. During the spring and summer, meetings are held once a week, and fortnightly during the rest of the year. The group raise all their own funds and organise and run everything themselves, but the support of Branch member Paul Dimoline has been invaluable for the last six years.

The group have held a weekend for wheelchair-bound adults at the local Cheshire Home, and organised a sponsored hike from Masham to the Toc H Centre at Colsterdale, raising £270. We have since raised nearly £2,000 towards our projects. The summer project was an action packed holiday for 20 local children at Colsterdale and we have also had a playscheme, with 30 children attending on a daily basis for ice skating, a visit to a model railway and to the town's ambulance station. TAG members joined Barton Branch for the 80th birthday at St Mary's Church and we raised £68 on a fundraising bus trip to Alton Towers. The social weekend in Rawthorpe, Huddersfield at the end of June was joined by DO Roger Giles and three volunteers from Grimsby, for a weekend of fundraising and clearing the basement of Rawthorpe church hall, in preparation for a full project in July. Around £70 was collected, and we worked very hard knocking down walls, filling a skip with rubbish and generally preparing for Roger's July project: to refurbish the Youth Centre in the basement. We finished the weekend very tired and grubby, and Roger was able to witness how very efficient and organised are the members of BADTAG! The three volunteers from Grimsby had also enjoyed their first taste of Toc H projects.



# Women's National Commission



*Members of the Women's National Commission have helped to 'Weave the World Together' by contributing a beautifully designed silk banner to the fourth UN World Conference on Women in Beijing in September. The Toc H logo is seen third from the left on the bottom line. The banner was unfurled at Heathrow Airport before being taken to Beijing by WNC Co-Chair Liz Bavidge and Joint Secretary Wanda Brown, Members of the UK Official Delegation.*

## **Jean Whiteman, Toc H's representative on the Women's National Commission reports:**

'Toc H were founding members of the WNC in 1969 and I have enjoyed following some very distinguished members as the Toc H representative. At the review of membership in March, Toc H lost its full place and is now an associate member organisation, sadly due to our falling membership.

The WNC exists to ensure that the views of women are taken into account by the Government. The WNC is consulted by the Government on a wide range of policy issues and also investigates issues relevant to women, and develops recommendations through regular working groups which produce detailed reports, and through a varied programme of seminars and conferences. WNC members meet in plenary session three times a year. They elect an executive committee of 10 members to carry forward the business of the Commission. Ad hoc working groups are set up to prepare reports on policy issues. The Commission is run by a small Secretariat, based at the Department of Employment in Whitehall.

Last year was an important one in the life of the Commission, when they reached 25 years. It was also the year when they reviewed the membership (completed every five years). Membership is made up of women's national voluntary organisations, with no entry barriers, occupational-based groups, Trades Unions and professions, national political organisations, religious groups, social carers and welfare organisations. These total 50, and then there are 30 associated members' organisations. The latter receive all the same papers as full members, are welcome at seminars and conferences, but do not attend the plenary sessions.

During my three years on WNC they have published two major reports, *The Older Woman* and *In Search of Equality, Development and Peace*. Mary Edwards was a member of *The Older Woman* working group and spent a lot of time on research and at meetings. Copies of all WNC Reports are available either from me or from Ruth Boyd at HQ.'



# Book Review

## Rickshaws to Jets - A History and Anecdotes of the Kenya YWCA 1912-1965 by Vera Harley

Vera Harley, the last General Secretary of the Toc H Women's Association, has written the fascinating story of the growth and development of the YWCA in Kenya. It was in February 1912 that a small group of women came together in Nairobi to discuss the needs of the growing number of young European women arriving in Kenya and to form what was only the fourth YWCA on the African continent.

The story of the early years has to be told largely through the use of surviving minute books but, as former *Point three* editor Frank Rice points out in his preface, it all comes vividly to life for the period 1958-1964 when Vera was herself the YWCA National General Secretary in Kenya.

It's the story of how an organisation - which was founded to help young British women - gradually, sometimes painfully, became multi-racial. The original hostel was just for white women. Then a hostel was built alongside it, designed for African women but designated simply as for women on lower incomes. In fact many lower paid white women were happy to move into the cheaper hostel thus making it multi-racial, but it was some years before African women were allowed into the more expensive hostel. But throughout this period the YWCA was playing a significant role in teaching young African women and as a result African women were gradually brought on to the various committees. During Vera's period there the first African President of the Kenya YWCA was elected and she was able to ensure both that her own successor was an African and also that at the time of independence the Executive Committee had, for the first time, a majority of African members. There is no doubt that the YWCA played an important part in training African women for a leadership role in their own society.

Ken Prideaux Brune

*This fascinating story is published by Vera herself and all profits go to the YWCA. It costs £5 and can be ordered from Vera Harley, 345 Crescent House, Golden Lane, London EC1Y 0SN*

## Tributes

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

In May	Anthony Brady	Norwich
	Edwin Harrison	Cavendish Dist
In June	Nancy Parritt	Long Eaton
In July	Joan Barber	Haywain Dist
	Renee Barber	Hatfield
	John Best	New Addington
	Douglas Catt	SE Regional Br
	Dorothy Cowling	Late Woodford
	Basil Douglass	Bognor Regis
	Richard Moody	Haywain Dist
	Elizabeth Spurge	Nottingham
	Maurice Wells	High Brooms
In August	Edna Ballham	Penn
	Angela Pallett	Brighton
	Robert Parry	Wrexham
	Florence Stead	Stockport
	Margaret Wilkins	Rushden
Not Previously Recorded	John Marshall	Strathclyde Dist

Apology: The Membership Dept would like to apologise for inadvertently transposing an entry in the last issue. This should have read as a June entry recording the death of **Herbert (Bert) Walters** - Lincolnshire District. Our sincere apologies to Clare for the distress this caused.

Renee Barber. It is with deep regret that the Hatfield Ladies Branch report the death of their Chairman at the age of 82. For the last few years Renee had been both Chairman and Secretary and had held these offices during most of her lifelong membership. Her husband William was a founder member of the Hatfield Branch. The church which she attended was full of her friends at her funeral, and she will be sadly missed. **KK**

Nancy Parritt died in hospital on 28 June aged 78 years. She had been connected with Toc H for many years, both at Ashby de la Zouch and Long Eaton. She was a loving, lovely lady who made many friends in the community and the church. **GC**

Rochdale Branch regret to report the death of Norman Kirrane on 22 July. A loyal branch member, he was deeply committed to Toc H ideals. He had served in a Guards Armoured Unit with the 8th Army in Africa, and his funeral service took place with full Military Honours. **GB**

It is with sadness that Hoveton and Wroxham Branch record the passing of Anthony Brady on 20 May, one of the main supporters of the old Sprowston Branch, where he frequently occupied the *Speakers Chair*. A local headmaster from 1957 until retirement, Tony was fully involved with the local community, was a dedicated worker for Norwich Cathedral and found time to give support to two local hospitals. We will remember him with gratitude. **IT**

It is with great regret that High Brooms (M) report the sudden passing of one of their longest serving members, **Maurice Wells**, at the age of 72. A loyal member of the branch, since the mid 1930s, his sense of humour was always a highspot of our meeting. Maurice's loyalty and service to Toc H will always be much appreciated and sadly missed at the 'Brooms'. We will remember him. **AH**

Robert (Bob) Parry, Chairman of Wrexham Branch, died peacefully at home in August at the age of 79. Fluent in Welsh, his abiding passions were his church and Toc H. For over 40 years Bob had been the mainstay in providing the Toc H library service for the Wrexham War Memorial Hospital and, later, Maelor Hospital. He promoted Toc H concerts for many years, and encouraged Toc H with work with local charities. His contribution to Toc H was immense and he will be sorely missed. **WR**

Grace Clayton of St Albans Branch died on 25 July, aged 75. She was a member of the branch for 30 years, a Central Councillor for 6 years and a member of the Area Liaison Team, the Cell Barnes Hospital Holiday Project Group and the SE and West Herts Team. She helped organise holidays at Dor Knap, Cuddesdon House and Alison House. The whole area will miss her enthusiastic approach to the many tasks she undertook. **JC**

In August, Rushden Branch suffered the loss of one of its longest and most faithful members. **Margaret Wilkins**, a member for over 40 years, died in hospital aged 80 years. She was Pilot of Rushden Oakley Branch until transferring to help start the Afternoon Branch 3 years ago. A wonderful cook and a very caring person, Margaret's quiet, kindly thoughts and actions have enriched many lives. We give thanks for the privilege of having shared her love and loyalty over such a long period. **GL**

Stockport Branch are sad to report the death of **Florence Stead**, who passed away peacefully on 19 August at the age of 86. Always an active member, in recent years she did a lot of work at the Stockport Children's Camp. Florence will be sadly missed by us all. **IMC**

Joan Barber, a member of Clacton Ladies Branch for over 30 years, and latterly a District Member, died in July at the age of 82. Joan was a loyal Toc H member and very well thought of. **PB**



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lunch will be served from 12.30 onwards.  
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**Help - Your Photos Wanted!**

We would like to include as many photos as  
possible of your special 1995 celebratory events to  
mark the 80th anniversary, for an exhibition to be  
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Toc H, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Bucks.

**Toc H Legacy Update**

During the last six months of the present  
financial year, Toc H has received  
£104,800 from legacies. Information on  
making a Will is available in a simple  
booklet from Wendover.

*For further details, please contact:*

*Mike Lyddiard, Director,  
Toc H, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Bucks  
HP22 6BT*